

need a farmer, and I hope you will give me the preference.

Your probity deserves a different recompence. It is now twelve years since I lost the sum which you found; in that time God has blessed my commerce, it has been greatly extended, it has prospered; it is long since I ceased to feel the effects of my loss; your restitution now would not make me richer; you merit this little fortune, Providence has made you a present of it; I could not take it from you without offending my Creator. Keep it, it belongs to you; or, if I must have a right to it, I give it you; you might have kept it, I should never have reclaimed it; what man would have acted like you?

He immediately tore the deed which the rector had given him. The world, said he, should be acquainted with your generous action. A deed to ratify my resignation in your favour; your right to the farm, and that of your children, is not necessary; however, it shall be executed, to perpetuate the remembrance of your disinterestedness and honour.

Perrin and Lucetta fell at the feet of the traveller, he raised and embraced them. A notary was sent for, he engrossed the deed, but never had drawn up one of such noble contents. Perrin shed tears of gratitude and joy.

joy. My children, said he, kiss the hand of your benefactor. Lucetta, by the generosity of this worthy man, the farm is now become our own, henceforth we may enjoy it without remorse.

Perrin and Lucetta, in their vacant hours, often paid encomiums to the memory of the old rector, the guardian of their innocence, and the first promoter of their happiness. While they dwelt on the pleasing subject, tears of gratitude and affection started from their eyes. His precepts had made an indelible impression upon their minds, and by their constant observance of them, they hoped to meet him again in another and better world.

MORAL.

Hence learn Reader, whoever thou art, that generosity, probity, and justice, are some of the most amiable qualities of the human mind, and frequently are like virtue, their own reward.